Attempt of self-immolation by a woman near India Gate

†2514. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any woman tried to immolate herself near India Gate on second Sunday of last October, if so, the reasons of this self-immolation;

(b) whether this woman gave a statement; if so, the details thereof and the appropriate action taken by Government on the basis of the statement; and

(c) if not, the reaction of Government to the news-item published in Dainik Jagaran dated the 18th October, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) On the basis of an information received on 14th October, 2001 that one male person, later identified as Prakash Chand Gupta, had attempted to commit suicide by immolating himself, the Police Control Room vehicle reached the spot and took the injured person to Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. He succumbed to his injuries on the following day without making any statement before the police. However, a case has been registered and investigation taken up.

Attack on media persons by police in Tamil Nadu

2515. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on 12th August, 2001 several media persons were attacked by the police in Tamil Nadu and thereby created a nightmare near Marina, Chennai; and

(b) whether the media persons requested through Press Council to

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.